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RICE LAKE, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Rice Lake today to participate in the grand opening of Glenwood Commons, student housing to serve UW-Barron County and Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) students.

“Between UW-Barron and WITC, this area was in sore need of student housing. Not only is Glenwood Commons conveniently located near both campuses, but its energy-efficient construction will ensure low utility bills for years to come.”

Glenwood Commons is a three-story building that will house 96 students in 24 living units. Constructed with energy efficiency in mind, the building includes an in-floor geothermal heating system, high efficiency lighting and plumbing, and high-efficiency Energy Star appliances.

“This project is a twofer,” said Obey. “It helps students trying to get an education and by expanding educational opportunity in Barron County, it strengthens the economy of the area.”

UW-Barron County received \$4.1 million in low-interest, competitive loans from the Rural Development Administration (RDA) – Community Facilities Program. Obey is Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee which included the funding for RDA as part of the budget for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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